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Two Crenshaw County cemeteries added to Historic Cemetery Register

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Simerly-Theophilus Daniel Cemetery and Thompson Family Cemetery to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now eleven cemeteries in Crenshaw County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 268 cemeteries statewide.

Ms. Joyce English of Luverne completed all the state requirements to nominate these cemeteries to the historic cemetery register. Ms. English provided maps, photographs, and historical information for each cemetery.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that assists the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

The mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission** is to protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places. It is the state's historic preservation agency and serves as the State Historic Preservation Office.

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